

SECURITY INFORMATION

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| COUNTRY         | East Germany  | REPORT                  |                 |
| TOPIC           | Soviet Troop Trains   |                         | 25X1            |
| EVALUATION      |   | PLACE OBTAINED          |                 |
| DATE OF CONTENT |   |                         | 25X1            |
| DATE OBTAINED   |   | PREPARED                | 4 December 1952 |
| REFERENCES      |   |                         | 25X1            |
| PAGES           | 3   | ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) |                 |
| REMARKS         | Summary of paragraph 2, the 1st shipment in paragraph 3, and paragraph 4. |                         |                 |
|                 | This is UNEVALUATED Information   |                         |                 |

1. Troop trains identified [ ] on 21 and 22 October 1952 included: a train of 2 coaches, 20 boxcars and 1 flatcar with air force personnel from Gross Haslow to Frankfurt/Oder border station on 21 October; and an empty shuttle-train of 56 converted boxcars from an undetermined railroad station to Frankfurt/Oder border station, and a train of 54 boxcars from Kuestrin toward Cottbus on 22 October. 25X1
2. The following shuttle-trains were identified [ ] between 29 October and 9 November: 25X1
  - On 29 October. Shuttle-train [ ] with soldiers went to Frankfurt/Oder. 25X1
  - On 1 November. Shuttle-train [ ] consisting of 20 converted boxcars with soldiers arrived at Weimar. Seven of the boxcars went to Halle, and 13 boxcars went to Jena. 25X1
  - On 2 November. Shuttle-train [ ] arrived with soldiers who were distributed as follows: 6 converted boxcars to Naumburg, 3 converted boxcars to Jena, 3 converted boxcars to Halle, and 4 converted boxcars to Ohrdruf. Shuttle-train [ ] was dispatched empty to the Dresden railroad district. 25X1
  - On 4 November. Shuttle-train [ ] consisting of 9 converted boxcars with soldiers from Naumburg, 5 converted boxcars with soldiers from Halle, and 2 converted boxcars with soldiers from Ohrdruf went to Frankfurt/Oder. Shuttle-train [ ] with soldiers arrived from Frankfurt/Oder border station. 25X1
  - On 7 November. Shuttle-train [ ] consisting of 11 converted boxcars with soldiers from Ohrdruf, and 7 converted boxcars with soldiers from Naumburg went to Frankfurt/Oder. Shuttle-train [ ] arrived empty at Weimar from Kuestrin. 25X1
  - On 9 November. Shuttle-train [ ] arrived empty at Erfurt from Kuestrin. 25X1
3. Troop trains [ ] included shuttle-train [ ] of 43 boxcars and 1 gondola car with soldiers and 9 empty boxcars from Kuestrin to Rathenow on 31 October; and shuttle-train [ ] of 46 boxcars and 1 gondola car with soldiers and 8 empty boxcars from Frankfurt/Oder to Rathenow on 4 November. 25X1

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4. The following troop shuttle-trains crossing the border via the Guben railroad station [ ] between 11 and 15 November:

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| <u>Date in November</u> | <u>Number of Cars</u>                      | <u>From</u>      | <u>To</u>    |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|
| 11                      | 52 empty boxcars and 1 empty gondola car   | Jagodin          | Gottbus      |
| 12                      | 52 boxcars and 1 gondola car with soldiers | Jueterbog        | Kovel        |
| 13                      | 52 boxcars and 1 gondola car with soldiers | Ead Freisenwalde | Kovel        |
| 14                      | 52 empty boxcars                           | Jagodin          | Magdeburg    |
| 15                      | 51 empty boxcars and 1 empty gondola car   | undetermined     | undetermined |

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1. [ ] Comment. Shuttle-train [ ] came, [ ] from Weimar and went to Kovel via Guben on 31 October 1952. Probably, the actual receiving station could not be identified [ ].

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Shuttle-train [ ] came from Jagodin and went toward Gottbus via Guben on 31 October 1952. [ ]

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Shuttle-train [ ] also came from Jagodin and went toward Gottbus via Guben on 31 October 1952. The train was last observed prior to 2 November 1952.

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Shuttle-train [ ] is reported for the first time en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Weimar on 4 November 1952. The same train was observed eastbound at the border station of Kuestrin on 7 November 1952. [ ]

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Shuttle-train [ ] came from the east via Kuestrin and arrived in East Germany on 5 November 1952. [ ]

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Shuttle-train [ ] was also mentioned in the reference report as being on the same route.

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2. [ ] Comment. Shuttle-train [ ] is first reported en route to Rathenow on 31 October 1952.

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Shuttle-train [ ] was observed [ ] at Kuestrin as coming from Gerdauen on 3 November 1952. [ ]

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3. [ ] Comment. Shuttle-train [ ] was last observed en route from Gottbus to Kovel on 6 November 1952. [ ]. It is possible that the train re-entered East Germany on 11 November as it left with discharges from Jueterbog for the east via Kuestrin on 15 November 1952. [ ]

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For Shuttle-train [ ] Comment 1 of this report. If the train actually left Jueterbog for the east on 12 November 1952, its westbound trip between 5 and 11 November 1952 was not covered at Guben.

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